



REMINDER:

- ⇒ **YCS Athletes must Antigen test weekly in order to participate in practice and play.**
- ⇒ **The Washtenaw County Health Department has several COVID-19 testing centers and vaccination sites available for residents to sign up.**
- ⇒ **Pandemic EBT Cards are coming soon from the state of Michigan. Please find a flyer for frequently asked questions**
- ⇒ **Parkridge Community Center Learning Lab will be closed for the next two weeks. Please contact Turquoise Neal for more information.**
- ⇒ **YCS is HIRING! See flyer below for Career Fair dates!**

Please review the letter [Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross](#) sent to parents on Friday, April 9th with details on our students' return especially for the secondary level (middle and high school). The letter is in response to the Governor of Michigan's press conference around the increase in COVID-19 cases.

For more information on cases in Washtenaw County, please visit the Washtenaw County Health Department website at

<https://www.washtenaw.org/3269/COVID-19-Vaccination>

****Reminder that students who have signed up for online/remote learning all year long will remain in that learning mode and should not return to school. If you have any concerns about your child's learning mode, please contact your building principal.**



Kindergarten Round-up

Round-up Dates for Perry and Ford - appointment only - For (Young 5's /Transition K or K) The meeting will be IN PERSON meetings.

- April 16 and May 14 from 9:00am-5:00pm (closed for lunch 12-1)
- June 3 from 3:00pm-7:00pm

FOR YIES STUDENTS ONLY - YIES is a Kindergarten through 5th grade International Baccalaureate Candidate School. YIES is a free public school; however, an application is required for submission.

April 5, 2021

YIES 2021-22 application opens for any additional slots available. *Click on link for Website and Application:*

- [Ypsilanti International Elementary School Webpage](#)
- [YIES 2021-22 Kindergarten through 5th Grade Application](#)

***No Open Houses, or building tours are scheduled due to COVID-19 social gatherings guidelines. A virtual building tour will be posted on the school website, and other social media**

Appointment Sign-up

1. *Register on-line registration:*
[Link to Registration Gateway](#)
2. *Sign-up for an Appointment Time for In-Person appointments for Ford and Perry ELC Students use this link:*
[Link to Appointment Form](#)

If we offer Online Learning next year, would you be interested in Online Learning? If you are, please fill out this form. [Link to form](#)

Qualifications

- Students turning 5 between June 1 and August 31 are recommended for Young 5s or may register for traditional kindergarten
- Students turning 5 before June 1 are eligible for traditional kindergarten
- Students turning 5 between September 1 and December 1 are eligible for Preschool

To register for Preschool at Ford, Perry, or Beatty go to www.washtenawpreschool.org

What To Bring

- Birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residency
- Parent ID
- Your child

Kindergarten Round-up Dates for Perry ELC and Ford ELC

- Appointments Only - NEED TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS ONLINE

Dates and Times:

April 16th and May 14th from 9:00am-5:00pm (closed for lunch 12:00-1:00pm)

June 3rd from 3:00pm-7:00pm

Kindergarten Round-up Information: FOR YIES STUDENTS ONLY - APPLICATION ONLY

YIES 2021-22 Application and Admissions Process will be sent out soon

Pandemic EBT

Important information for parents or guardians of student's eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch at Ypsilanti Community Schools.

What is the Pandemic-EBT Program?

The Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program gives food benefits to families with children who were not able to get free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID. You may hear about this benefit from other schools or in the media.

Who is eligible?

Being eligible for this program will depend on what school your student attends. Eligibility for the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program can be different between schools within the same district.

What makes a school eligible for P-EBT?

A school building is eligible only if the building has had 5 school days in a row of reduced in-person hours due to COVID.

What could make my student eligible for P-EBT?

- 1) If the school they attend is eligible for P-EBT **and**
- 2) If your student normally gets free and reduced meals at school **and**
- 3) If your student is not getting instruction in-person for some or all the month.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issues P-EBT benefits based on:

- How each school building reports their eligibility
- How most of the students attend school during the month

There may be months when your student's attendance was different from what the school reported. In that case, you may be able to have your student's benefit level reconsidered. Your request to be reconsidered must be submitted by June 30, 2021. In the month(s) below your school reported primarily in-person. Your student(s) may be P-EBT eligible if they attended class on-line, for some time or all the time in the following month(s):

September 2020 October 2020 November 2020 December 2020 January 2021 February 2021

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/PEBT or call 1-833-905-0028.





Grizzlies, great news!

WE CAN STILL ACCEPT SENIOR PORTRAITS!

Want your senior photo in the yearbook?

Missed the deadline?

We are offering one FINAL opportunity to use your own photo on the senior pages of the yearbook. USE THE LINK below to send your photo today!

**SEND YOUR PHOTO BY APRIL 19TH, 2021
TO**

<https://www.yearbooknerds.com/ypsilanti-community-high-school>



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY
June 3RD
4 pm

Ypsilanti Community High School Graduation Ceremony and Celebration

- YCHS Shadford Field
- DJ & Food Trucks
- Must be masked and socially distanced!
- This is a ticketed event--no exceptions!

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YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS *Virtual*
CAREER FAIR
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
12-2 pm



Careerfair@ycschools.us
www.ycschools.us

Save the Dates:

- YCS Town Hall meeting with NAMI and Washtenaw Area Council for Children on April 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. Flyer coming soon

Attention Community Partners:



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

FOCUS GROUP

LEAD BY: MADISON PETEOSKI, LAUREN KLINE,
JULIA DETRYCH, AND JENNA DEKYZER

Celebrating YCS's and EMU's educational
partnership through the COVID-19 pandemic.

When: April 13th, 2021 from 12:30pm-2:00pm

Zoom Link:

<https://emich.zoom.us/j/89470389577>

Meeting ID: 894 7038 9577

CONTACT LAUREN KLINE WITH ANY
QUESTIONS: LKLINE7@EMICH.EDU



Corner Health Center and Ford Motor Company Fund Present

STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST TRAUMA



Join us for a **FREE** virtual conversation about trauma, steps you can take to heal, and self-care.

April 14th, 2021 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Icebreaker begins at 7:00 pm, program starts promptly at 7:15 pm

All youth and young adults 12-25 will be **entered for a chance to win gift cards and other great prizes!**

Register by April 12th @ Midnight.

REGISTER NOW

Questions? Email Outreach@cornerhealth.org
or visit www.cornerhealth.org for more information.

Volunteers Needed for Ypsilanti Blood Drive:

Information about the drive:

- Location: Ypsilanti Freighthouse
- April 15th

- Time: 12:00 - 6:00 PM
- Volunteer shifts: 12 - 2 PM, 2 - 4 PM, 4 - 6 PM
- Volunteer duties:
 - Temp Taker - All donors must have their temp taken on arrival at the blood drive. This person will guide the donors on where to stand for the system to properly take body temperature. If the event this system isn't working, they would have to do oral temperatures. Plan for the temp taking camera/tablet system.
 - Registration - This person signs the donors into the red cross computer, checks their appointment time, ensure they have an ID and that they have read the pre donation materials (available at the drive) or filled out rapid pass. We want someone in this role about 15 min before the drive starts until the end time of 6p.
 - Canteen - This person gets the donors snacks and drinks after donation. They watch the donors and interact to ensure the donors are feeling ok. In the event a donor doesn't feel well, they will notify the Red Cross staff. We want someone in this role from 12p until about 6:45p or until the last donor is through the process.

Also, we're looking to have about 3-4 volunteers per shift.

Email: jtillisonlove@cityofypsilanti.com

The Washtenaw County Health Department has a new data portal that will provide weekly updates on vaccinations and breaks down information by zip code, including

vaccine providers. Please click on the links to retrieve this information.

<https://www.washtenaw.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1452>

<https://www.washtenaw.org/3332/Vaccine-Data>

<https://www.washtenaw.org/3337/Vaccine-Providers-in-Washtenaw-County>

The TEFL Academy (<https://www.theteflacademy.com>) are extremely excited to tell you that we're offering a scholarship to students at [Ypsilanti Community Schools](#). We would love to make an application for this scholarship to be available to all your students.

The TEFL Academy is all about supporting students who want to uncover the life changing career path that is Teaching English as a Foreign Language abroad. We believe in the importance of education and the incredible impact it has on everyone's lives. As such, we're sponsoring a contest for students who want to pursue a career as a TEFL teacher in order to receive a \$2,500 scholarship from The TEFL Academy.

Eligibility

In order to take part in the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a US citizen
- Must be a current student at [Ypsilanti Community Schools](#)
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must be in good academic standing with your institution
- Submissions must be made in email to scholarships@theteflacademy.com, include their full name, address, date of birth, name of the school they're currently attending, phone number and GPA – along with a 30-60 second video clip (videos can be uploaded directly to YouTube or any other video sharing platform and they can include the link in the email) talking about why they're looking to pursue a career teaching English abroad.
- We want to know how they'd strive to change people's lives in their career as a TEFL teacher, a little bit about them and their background.
- Deadline for applications is July 1st, 2022

The link to our scholarship page for full info is here:

<https://www.theteflacademy.com/scholarships>

NEW Learning Lab Locations!!!

Parkridge Learning Labs have spots available for YCS students. Please see the flyer for more details on registration.

Parkridge Learning Lab

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm

Grades K-5

Email: learninglabs@ycschools.us

uniteSTEM Learning Lab

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 3:00pm

Grades 2-8

Email: learninglabs@ycschools.us

Hamilton Crossing*

Tuesday & Thursdays

1:00pm - 3:00pm

All Grades

Capacity: 12

*Residents only

Contact Mark Hammond (734) 340-2411

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YCS Administration || 1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, MI || 734-221-1221

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Reminder: YCS Code of Conduct

Parents and guardians, please be reminded that the Ypsilanti Community Schools Code of Conduct is in full effect during online learning. Students must display appropriate behavior while attending in-person classes, along with virtual classes. Any disciplinary issues will be reported to the administration and could result in disciplinary action, including suspension or further disciplinary action by the Board of Education. Please

visit www.ycschools.us for more information on the Code of Conduct.

Sign-up for School Happenings

Stay Up-To-Date with Latest News & Events from YCS. Join our Emailing list - Never miss an update! Click here to subscribe to YCS New <https://tinyurl.com/y5ld6ro8>.